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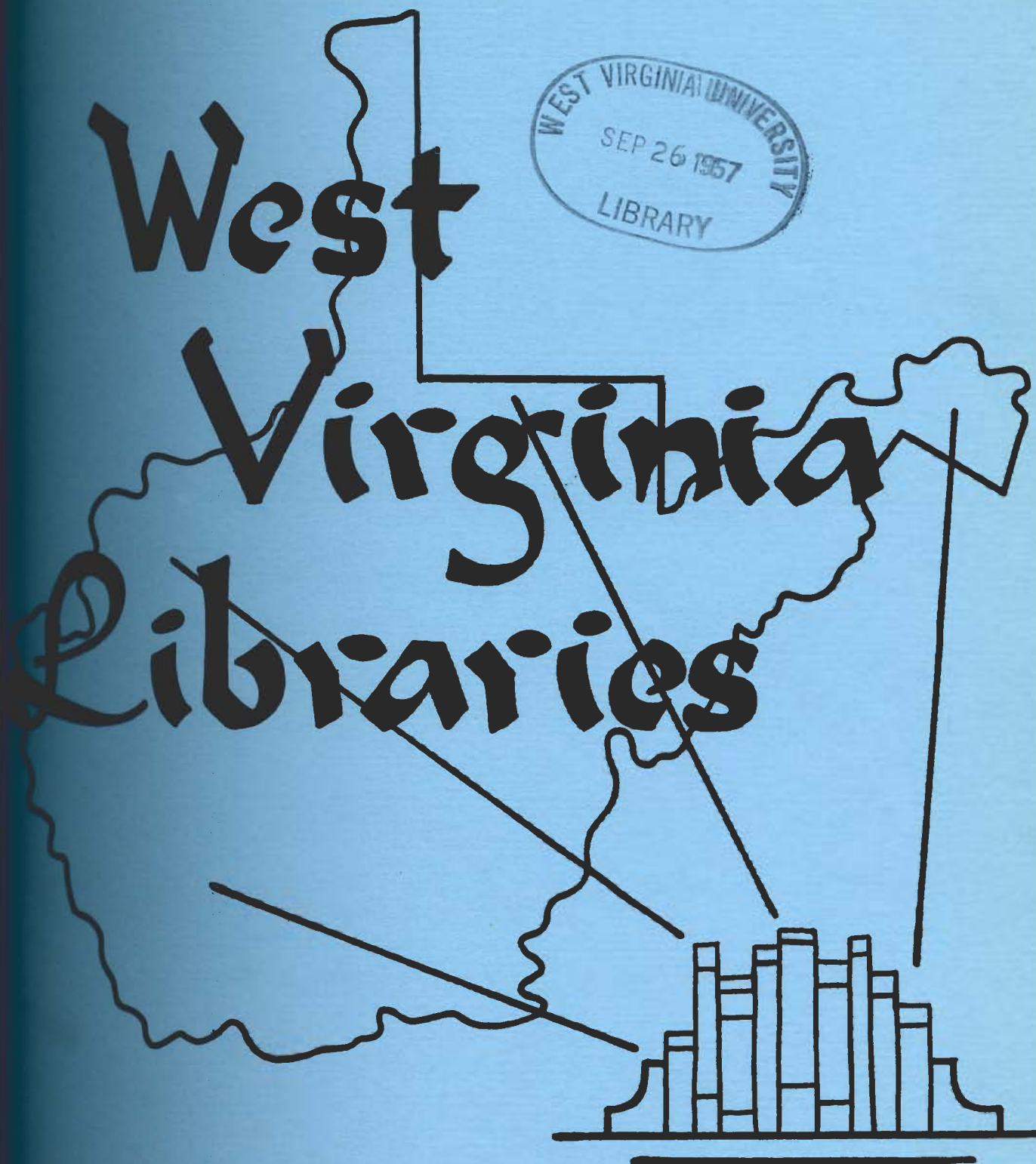
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WEST VIRGINIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE
October 18-19, 1957
Program

Headquarters:
Hotel Beckley

Place:
Beckley, W. Va.

THEME: WEST VIRGINIA LIBRARIES - THEIR FUTURE

Thursday, October 17

8:00 - 10:00 P.M. Social Hour - General Alfred Beckley Room

Friday, October 18

9:00 - 10:30 Registration - Lobby
Opening of Exhibits - Ballroom

10:30 FIRST GENERAL SESSION - Ballroom

Presiding - Mrs. Margaret S. Bobbitt
President

Invocation - Dr. James W. Witherspoon
Pastor, Beckley Presbyterian
Church

Words of Welcome - Mr. Fletcher W. Mann
Member of the Raleigh
County Library Board

Reports:

Secretary, Miss Frances Alderson
Treasurer, Mrs. Alice Bauer

Address - "Books are Here to Stay" -
Mr. Richard Harwell, Executive Secretary
Assn. of Colleges and Research Libraries.

Reports:

W. Va. Library Commission -
Miss Dora Ruth Parks
Recruiting Committee -
Miss Virginia Locke
Nominating Committee
Mr. Floyd Miller

12:30

College Library Section Luncheon -
Presiding - Mr. Frank Badger, Chairman
Informal Discussion - Richard Harwell

Public Library Section Luncheon -
Presiding - Mrs. Sue Alexander
Program: Panel on "New Standards for
Public Libraries"

2:30

GENERAL SESSION - Ballroom

Session Chairman - Dora Ruth Parks
Executive Secretary -
West Virginia Library
Commission

Panel Discussion: "Publicity Channels for
the Public Library."

Panel Members: Mr. Len Arnold, Discussion
Leader, Public Relations
Director of the American
Library Association
Mr. C. J. Mc Quade -
Editor, "Raleigh Register"
Beckley, West Virginia
Mr. Harry Brawley -
Director of Public
Relations, WCHS Radio - TV
Mr. Wallace E. Knight -
Public Relations, United
Carbon Company

4:30

Trip to Grandview State Park

7:00 P.M.

Banquet - Ballroom

Presiding - Margaret S. Bobbitt, President
Invocation - Honorable Robert C. Byrd,
Congressman from the 6th
District, West Virginia

Address: Mr. Theodore Waller, Vice President
Grolier Society, Inc.

9:00

Social Hour

Saturday, October 19

9:00 A.M.

Registration - Lobby
Exhibits - Ballroom

9:30

GENERAL SESSION - Ballroom

Presiding - Margaret S. Bobbitt, President
Business Session:

Committee Reports:

Constitution and By-Laws -

Mr. Floyd Miller

Indexing & Publishing - Mr. Floyd Miller

Resolutions Committee -

Miss Frances Alderson

Nominating Committee - Mr. Floyd Miller

Election of Officers

Address - "Responsibilities of the School Library." - Miss Margaret Rehring
Supervisor of School Libraries,
Cincinnati, Ohio

12:00

School Librarians Luncheon (Open to all members)

Presiding - Miss Eva Keyser, Acting
Chairman

Address - "The Role of the Librarian in the Reading Program." -
Miss Wilma Brown, Director of the
Boys and Girls Department of the
Kanawha County Public Library.

2:00

GENERAL SESSION - Ballroom

Reports from: College Section
Public Library Section
School Library Section

Installation of Officers

Adjournment

Meeting of the New Executive Board

JUST PUBLISHED

WEST VIRGINIA AUTHORS - A BIBLIOGRAPHY

Compiled and Edited by Vito J. Brenni

This extremely valuable reference work is Publication Number 2 of the West Virginia Library Association. It is available for sale by the Association at a price of \$3 per copy. Send all orders to: Editor, "West Virginia Libraries", West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia.

Who's Who Among Conference Speakers



Richard B. Harwell



Len Arnold



Ted Waller



Harry M. Brawley



Wallace E. Knight

WEST VIRGINIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Conference will be held on October 18 and 19
at the Beckley Hotel, Beckley, West Virginia.

WHO'S WHO AMONG CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

- Richard B. Harwell - Executive Secretary of the Association of College and Research Libraries. Will speak on Friday, October 18, at the first General Session, 10:30 A.M., on the subject "Books are here to stay."
A contributor to professional and other periodicals, and author of:
Stonewall Jackson and the Old Stonewall Bridge
The Death of Lee
Song of the Rebel
The President State of Virginia
- Len Arnold - Public Relations Consultant of the American Library Association. Will participate in a panel discussion on Friday, October 18, at the second General Session, 2:30 P.M. on the subject "Publicity Channels for the Public Library."
He has written short stories, and has served in England and France in the Office of War Information.
- Harry Brawley - Public Service Director, WCHS-TV Television Station, Charleston, W. Va. Will be a panel member at the second General Session on Friday, October 18, 2:30 P.M. Serves as an advisor in the West Virginia Education Association Public Relations Department. Part-time Associate Professor of Political Science and Geography at Morris Harvey College, Charleston, W. Va.
Member of the West Virginia State Library Commission.

Producer on WCHS Radio and Television
of such shows as:
"Television Classroom"
"Radio Classroom"
"Press Conference"

C. J. Mc Quade

- Editor of the "Raleigh Register,
Beckley, West Virginia.
Will be a panel member at the
second Session on Friday, October 18,
2:30 P.M.

Wallace B. Knight

Public Information Officer for the
United Carbon Company, Charleston, W. Va.
Will be a panel member at the second
Session, on Friday, October 18, 2:30 P.M.
Has served as Business Editor of the
Charleston Gazette

Theodore Waller

- Vice President and Director of School
and Library Division, Grolier Society,
Inc. and Americana Corporation.
Will be the banquet speaker on Friday,
October 18, 6:30 P.M.
Now serving as Vice Chairman of the
Steering Committee for National Library
Week to be held March 16-22, 1958

Margaret C. Rehring

- Assistant Supervisor of Libraries and
Foreign languages, Cincinnati, Ohio
Board of Education.
Will speak at the third General Session,
Saturday October 19 at 9:30 A.M.
Instructor in Library Science each
summer at Marywood College, Scranton,
Pennsylvania.
Member of the Board of Directors,
American Association of School Librarians.
Chairman, School Library Section,
Southwestern Ohio Teachers Association.

Wilma Brown

- Director of the Boys and Girls Depart-
ment, Kanawha County Public Library,
Charleston, W. Va.
Will speak at the School Librarian's
Luncheon
Saturday, October 19, 12:30 P.M. on the
subject "Book Selection."
Taught several years in Colorado and
Iowa.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Fellow Librarians:

As my administration draws to a close I want to thank all members of the West Virginia Library Association who have cooperated in carrying out our program when they were called upon. Cooperation has been our key word, and the Executive Board has proven what can be accomplished through cooperation.

The Indexing and Publishing Committee has completed a work to be designated as the second publication of the Association. It will be on display and for sale at the Annual Conference. This "Biobibliography" will be a very valuable reference tool for all West Virginia libraries. The editor and compiler of this publication is Vito Brenni, the Chief Reference Librarian of West Virginia University Library.

I am very unhappy to announce that Mr. Brenni is leaving the state. He will complete course work for the doctorate at Columbia University. Mr. Brenni has been a most valuable staff member of the West Virginia Libraries as well as the Indexing and Publishing Committee. The Association's loss will be keenly felt in the months to come.

Mr. John Bennett is also leaving our ranks. This is a great loss for the West Virginia Library Association, for Mr. Bennett has been one of our most active Federal Coordinators in the history of the Association.

Our representatives at the American Library Association Conference not only represented West Virginia but took an active part in meetings. Dora Ruth Parks was one of the Discussion Leaders at the Federal Relations Committee Workshop on the Library Services Act. Her report appeared in the Minutes of the Workshop.

The Executive Board's Committee studying the organization of the State Department of Archives and History had its first conference with the new Director, Mr. Kyle Mc Cormick. Mr. Mc Cormick was very much interested in our ideas and suggestions. He said he would study the reports of the Society of American Archivists and then get in touch with the Committee at a later date. The future of the Department of Archives and History looks much brighter.

Another Executive Board Committee which is progressing with its program is the one studying the vacation periods of college librarians throughout the state. This subject will be put on the agenda of the State Board of Education during November, if the Committee can compile their findings by that time.

Watch for the display of the Recruiting Committee at the Annual Conference. This Committee will also alert our Association members at the Conference concerning their recruiting plans to be carried out during the year. The Committee asked the Executive Board to waive registration fees for students attending the Conference. This has been done, so feel free to encourage any high school or college student who is interested in Librarianship as a career to attend the Conference. They will be most welcome.

Watch for reports from all committees in your conference packets. Their achievements are too numerous to list here.

The year 1958 should be a banner year for all libraries throughout the country. The National Book Committees is promoting a program to increase reading. This committee is made up of editors, publishers, business men, authors and many other groups of prominent people throughout the United States. Their theme is "Wake Up and Read!" This program will be climaxed by National Library Week.

West Virginia Librarians must take advantage of this program as it will give a great impetus to our goal - "MORE AND BETTER LIBRARIES FOR WEST VIRGINIA". Be ready to nominate interested citizens in your community when your state committee requests such information.

Hear more about it from Ted Waller, a member of the Steering Committee for National Library Week. He will be our banquet speaker.

West Virginia libraries will get another shot in the arm through the \$5,000,000 appropriation for the support of the Library Services Act for 1957-58. Hear all the West Virginia Library Commission's plans at our Conference for the \$109,000 which they will receive.

In closing I wish to express my deep appreciation to all members for electing such a very cooperative Executive Board, and one with such high professional standards, to serve with me during 1956-57.

I'll be seeing you in Beckley!

Margaret S. Bobbitt
President, W.V.L.A.

PERSONNEL EXCHANGEPOSITIONS OPENALPHA REGIONAL LIBRARY

Regional Librarian required. The person appointed will work with and supervise county librarians, serve readers from a bookmobile and maintain deposit collections through-out a five-county area. Additional duties will be to advise readers, fill special requests and in general increase the effectiveness of library service in the area. The Librarian must have a college degree in library science or comparable training and experience. He must be able to drive.

Apply to: O. R. Karickhoff Box 199, Spencer, West Virginia

HUNTINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Two professional assistant positions open; one reference assistant, one general assistant. Latter position will include work in Circulation, book selection, and publicity. Starting salary is \$4,300.

Apply to: Omar Bacon, Librarian

KANAWHA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Assistant Extension Librarian. Position open December 1, 1957. Duties include work with bookmobile, book selection, and general supervision. Sick leave, retirement program and social security. Salary range: \$3,859 - \$4,459.

Apply to: Nicholas Winowich, Director

SHEPHERD COLLEGE

Assistant Librarian required. Position now open.

Apply to: Dr. J. O. Cullison, Academic Dean

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

Audio-Visual Librarian. To take charge of Audio-Visual Department in the University Library. Must have a master degree in either library science or education and some experience and/or training in work with films. Starting salary not less than \$4,600

Apply to: Robert F. Munn, Librarian

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

BROOKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

A gift of 750 valuable volumes was received from a Wheeling family, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur N. Scott. Included were reference and general titles. The Library also added 70 new children's books by purchase.

HARDY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Moorefield's House and Garden tour gave the proceeds to the Library. The Library this year inaugurated countrywide Bookmobile service.

HUNTINGTON

Several Staff members have been granted sick leaves recently. Mrs. Catherine Kline of the Milton Branch is now back to work after a serious operation at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Mrs. Sue Alexander of the Barboursville Branch will be out for several weeks with a chipped vertebra in her neck. Mrs. Mary Varney is Acting Librarian in her absence. Miss Edith Switzer, Reference Assistant, is away on an indefinite sick leave.

The Library's Open House drew 300 or more visitors to the Downtown and Branch libraries. Everyone felt that it was a major success in acquainting the public with the Library and its problems. A constructive outcome was the recommendation that a 15-member committee be established to study the reorganization of the Public Library.

A new electric typewriter (IBM) has been purchased. This

makes three electric typewriters in the key typing spots of the library.

The Friends of the Library are carrying on an active program. They have sponsored an attractive brochure on the service of the Public Library. They have plans ready for work on a stairway between Reference and the mezzanine below, and other plans include a book-lift.

On September the 17th the Friends of the Library are having Clarence (SKIP) Graham, Director of the Louisville Public Library, as speaker for their membership meeting and the general public.

The Barboursville Branch has organized an active Friend of the Library organization. They have an impressive list of projects for the coming year, from redecorating the interior to landscaping the Library property. They have already arranged nine programs, complete with exhibits to help publicize the services of the Public Library.

KANAWHA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

On August 31, the Kanawha County Public Library closed its most successful Vacation Reading Club Program with a total of some 739 certificates awarded to the members of the summer club. The theme for the reading game was world travel. Each club member was given a record card shaped like a travel stamp to place on his record card. At the close of the program, each child who read twenty books or

more received a star on his record card.

Miss Linda Dugan has resigned from her position as clerical assistant in the Boys' and Girls' Department at Kanawha County Public Library to take advantage of the new student teaching plan at Marshall College this fall. Linda will teach ninth grade science three hours a day in a Huntington High School the first semester of her senior year. This semester of teaching will pay for her entire senior year at Marshall College.

After graduation next August, Linda plans to attend library school. She plans to work with children and young people.

Mrs. Ida A. Bullen, Assistant Reference Librarian of the Kanawha County Public Library, joined the staff on July 1, 1957. Mrs. Bullen received her B. A. Degree at Louisiana Institute, and her M.L.S. Degree at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. Before coming to Charleston, Mrs. Bullen worked at the State Plant Board of Mississippi.

Mr. Nicholas Winowich, Director, has been appointed the State Chairman of OPERATION LIBRARY for the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

MCDOWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY

New by-laws have been adopted by the library board. A sixteen-member library board was elected with staggered terms. The Library is expanding rapidly, both in circulation and the number of users.

MARSHALL COUNTY LIBRARY

The Marshall County Library and the Moundsville Public

Library, together with an active Friends of the Library group, are rapidly completing plans for county-wide library service. The city and the county are co-operating on the construction of a new building to serve both. Miss Dora Ruth Parks and Robert Bolen of the West Virginia Library Commission have completed a survey for the expanded service.

MASON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Board of Education of Mason County voted to cut off support because of severe financial problems.

MORGANTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

The city library commission of the city council has developed plans for a new library building. Councilman Robert Clark of the city council said the new library ".... Should be an uppermost goal for the city government and every citizen." No way as yet has been found to finance the proposed building.

A collection of books on religion and alcoholism was given to the Library by the Council of Churches and the WCTU.

WEIRTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

37 new films were available for the public during the month of July.

ABOUT THE STATE

Weirton has more than 50 children enrolled in their reading program ... the Alpha Regional Library through its circulating branches urged the people to use their county library in planning summer vacations ... Martinsville Public

Library has adopted a five-year registration term in place of the previous life membership....the Goodwill Grange presented 92 books to the Kooverson Heights Library...the St. Albans Public Library received a gift of \$100 from the local AAUW group...Mr. Kyle McCormick is the new head of the State Department of Archives and History. Morgantown Public Library has a most active publicity program that gets their

story before the public. Mrs. Janet M. Cunningham, Librarian of the Ritchie County Library had her recent display on "Ole Favorites" mentioned in the Library Journal ... The Library Commission is doing a fine job in getting collections of books to the many Libraries about the State. Mrs. E. B. Perdue, Librarian of the Bluefield Public Library, reports, that many new books are being added to the Library . . .

LIBRARY COMMISSION

Commission Appointments

Mrs. C. F. Lyne, Shepherds-town, was reappointed by Governor Underwood for a four year term on the West Virginia Library Commission. Her term expires June 30, 1961.

Mr. C. V. Stewart, Mullens, was appointed by the Governor to replace Mrs. C. B. Allen of Moorefield. Mr. Stewart's term expires June 30, 1961, also.

New Professional Staff at Commission Headquarters

Mr. Lawrence Nanney, Bethany College graduate, who received his graduate degree in Library Science from Rutgers University in June, 1957, reported for work June 15 as Headquarters Librarian. He will supervise Order, Loan, and Cataloging Departments.

Mr. Cecil A. Reid, Jr., Headquarters Librarian from June, 1954, through May, 1957, was on leave of absence three months this Summer while he was on a trip to Europe. He returned to the Commission September 1 and is Consultant for small libraries. He is supervising the reference collections project for small

libraries which was made possible through the Federal Library Services Act. He will also be available for advisory services on all types of problems arising in local libraries.

Mr. Robert Bullen, Emory Library School graduate and formerly the Serials Record Librarian for Mississippi State College, reported for work July 1. He is the Consultant who is doing the surveys for Marshall and McDowell Counties. Surveys are always the first step in the Commission's program of large unit development. If the counties meet requirements recommended as a result of the surveys, demonstrations in both counties will begin July 1, 1958.

Miss Virginia Gibson, Kingwood, a graduate of Carnegie Library School, Pittsburgh, who has been a school librarian in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, and more recently in Long Island, New York, joined the staff September 15 and is Consultant for regions which have already been established -- Alpha Region, composed of Calhoun, Doddridge, Jackson, Ritchie, and Roane Counties; and the Harrison-Upshur Regional Library.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Art. IX, Sect. I of the W.V.L.A. Constitution provides that the membership of the Association be informed in advance of the annual meeting regarding any proposed amendments of the Constitution.

The Executive Board requested the Constitution and By-Laws Committee to study and to suggest changes in the Constitution regarding (1) the wording of reference to the first vice-president, and (2) to define more closely the membership and fiscal year.

The Constitution and By-Laws Committee submits the following proposed amendments for consideration by the members of the Association. Action will be taken on these amendments in the business meeting held during the annual meeting in Beckley, October 18-19, 1957.

--- Constitution & By-Laws Committee

Lawrence V. Jordan
Floyd W. Miller, Chairman

CONSTITUTION - PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Art. V, Section 1, Paragraph B.

Now read: "President-elect, who shall serve as first vice-president."

To read: "First vice-president, who shall be president-elect."

Art. V, Section 2.

Now reads: "The president-elect, the second vice-president, the secretary, and the treasurer shall be elected at each annual meeting of the association."

To read: "The first vice-president, the second vice-president...."

BY-LAWS

Art. II, Section 1, Paragraph B

Now reads: "To fill vacancies, except the positions of president, president-elect, and second vice-president, which may occur between the regular meetings of the association."

To read: "To fill vacancies, except the positions of president, first vice-president,"

Art. III, Section 2.

Now reads: "President-elect. The duties of the president-elect shall be as follows: "

To read: "First Vice-president. The duties of the first vice-president shall be as follows: "

Art. III, Section 3. Paragraph B.

Now reads: "To assume the duties of the president in case the president and president-elect have vacated the office of president."

To read: "To assume the duties of the president in case the president and first vice-president have vacated the office of president."

BY-LAWS - PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Art. I, Section 6

Now reads: "The fiscal year of the association shall begin 30 days following the annual meeting. If there is no meeting, the fiscal year shall begin November first."

To read: "The fiscal year of the association shall begin on the thirtieth day after the annual meeting. If there is no meeting, the fiscal year shall begin November first. The membership year shall be from January first to December thirty-first."

Art. I, Section 7.

Now reads: "The annual dues shall be due on the date of the annual meeting."

To read: "The annual dues shall be due on January first."

Art. I, Section 8.

Now reads: "Members who have not paid their dues within one month after the new fiscal year will be billed by the membership chairman."

To read: "Members who have not paid their dues by January first shall be billed by the membership chairman."

Art. III, Section 5, Paragraph D.

Now reads: "To make an itemized written report of the year's work to the auditing committee before the last day of the month following the annual meeting."

To read: "To make an itemized written report of the year's work to the auditing committee before the thirtieth day following the annual meeting or before November first if no meeting is held."

Art. VI, Section 5.

Now reads: "Officers shall assume their duties one month following the annual meeting."

To read: "Officers shall assume their duties at the beginning of the fiscal year."

Art. V, Section 4, Paragraph E.

Now reads: "Nomination. a. To present at the annual meeting a slate of two or more nominees for each of the following offices; President-elect, second vice-president, secretary and treasurer, and to present one or more nominees for the office of ALA councilor every fourth year or as often as required by the ALA constitution and by-laws."

To read: "Nomination. a. To present at the annual meeting a slate of two or more nominees for each of the following offices: first vice-president, second vice-president, secretary and treasurer..."

Art. V, Section 4. Paragraph F.

Now reads: "Finance. a. The membership shall consist of the president of the association as chairman and the president-elect and the treasurer."

To read: "Finance. a. The membership shall consist of the president of the association as chairman and the first vice-president and the treasurer."

ATTENTION: ALL LIBRARIANS

Your Exhibits Committee with unanimous encouragement from the Executive Board wants you to bring an exhibit from your library to the conference in Beckley October 18th and 19th. What we need is a display of such things as your publicity, your publications, your way of processing a book, or any other library function which you feel might be of interest to other librarians in the state. Although there is not unlimited display area, there will be room for many such exhibits. If you know in advance that you will bring an exhibit, you might drop a line to Omar A. Bacon Exhibits Chairman, 900 Fifth Avenue, Huntington, West Virginia.

We hope all types of libraries will have one or more displays.